

County Commissioners.

Commissioners met August 3 pursuant to adjournment. Present: W. M. Davis, B. F. McIninch. Absent: Louis Bastian, H. E. Peery, clerk. The following business was transacted:

Ferry license was granted J. D. Richmond to run a gasoline ferry at Brownville for one year from August 16, 1896, for the sum of five dollars (\$5). County treasurer was ordered to pay John Stevenson \$5 out of any funds belonging to school district No. 38 on account of an erroneous assessment for 1894 on the sw¹/₄ of nw¹/₄ of section 5, town 4, range 15.

The petition asking for a consent road running between sections 20 and 21, town 5, range 15, was granted and the road ordered open and the road supervisor ordered to work said road. The official bond of J. W. Beice, road supervisor of district No. 31, was examined and approved.

At this time the semi-annual settlement with the treasurer was taken up and such settlement pending, the board adjourned to August 4, 1896.

Board met August 4. All members present.

In the matter of the petition asking for a public road on the island, arguments were produced for and against the vacation of the slough road and the board decided to take the matter under advisement.

The settlement with county treasurer was continued.

Board adjourned to August 5.

August 5, 1896, board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present and the following business was had and done, to-wit:

35 lots in Nemaha City were ordered sold for \$25.00, delinquent taxes for 1894, and all back years, to R. V. Muir.

The petition asked for a consent road between sections 28 and 29, township 5, range 15, was granted and the county clerk ordered to notify road supervisor to open and work the same according to law.

The following allowances were made:

GENERAL FUND.	
F. M. Herbert, cementing vault	\$ 4.00
J. C. Hubbard, teaming	1.25
C. G. Sodman, administering oath to appraisers	1.00
Ralph L. Criswell, supplies	2.00
W. M. Kauffman, mose for David May	10.43
O. Van Winkle, work with grader J. Jones, same	5.62
W. S. Hacker, perpetrating government corners	4.00
Henry Andrews & Son, coffin for John Craddock	15.00
J. C. Matthews, appraising road	2.25
L. Cline, making cistern for jail	61.20
A. G. Gates, supplies for A. B. McMahon	5.55
B. F. Roberts, balliff fees	6.00
W. H. Hill, court fees	12.00
Titus & Williams, supplies for William Burgess, Aaron Motsonger, G. Burgess, county farm	147.25
E. H. Dort, sundries	15.70
W. M. Kauffman, supplies for John Craddock	52.00
M. H. Carman, official services, postage, etc.	175.25
M. H. Carman, institute fund	100.00
W. T. Hacker, chairman perpetrating government corners	4.00
G. F. Klein, supplies for Mrs. Richards	2.80
W. M. Kauffman, mose for Leroy Stevens	5.60
Albert D. Gilmore, filing papers coroners inquest	1.20

BRIDGE FUND.	
Nemaha Valley Lumber Co., lumber	\$ 38.95
J. W. Foster, bridging	120.50
H. Morganstern, lumber	26.66
P. B. McFadden, blacksmithing	12.70
H. Morganstern, lumber	170.82
R. M. Fugate, putting in bridge	35.00
C. E. Lambert, building bridge	41.90

ROAD FUND.	
W. Matthiesen, road plows	\$ 84.00
J. W. Wolf, grading road	25.00
J. M. Hacker, perpetrating government corners	15.00
G. Armstrong, road damages	109.00
Jacob Adams, same	50.00
S. W. Kennedy, same	50.50
William Boatmen, road work	20.00

Settlement with county treasurer pending the board adjourned to August 6, 1896.

Board met August 6, 1896, pursuant to adjournment. All members present. The following business was had and done, to-wit:

The county treasurer was ordered to strike from the tax list the poll tax assessed against W. H. Barnum for the year 1895; also the tax assessed against James Deakins for 1895.

Statement of fees received by H. E. Peery for second quarter was examined and approved.

The account of Mary E. Flack for over assessment was disallowed.

The following allowances were made:

GENERAL FUND.	
Stowell & Kent, job work	\$ 3.25
Dr. A. Oppermann, coroner fees on body of unknown boy	17.40

D. Hayes, juror coroners inquest	1.10
C. P. Barker, same	1.20
W. H. Barker, same	1.20
James W. Wolf, same	1.20
George Berg, same	1.20
Richard Tussey, same	1.20
Harvey McFarland, witness, watching and burying body	8.10
Ed Brengman, same	8.10
Joseph Howell, same	8.10
T. Cooper, constable fees	3.15
J. W. Armstrong, hardware	32.60
H. E. Sellers, repairing court house	10.90
A. C. DePue, supplies for Mrs. Van Winkle	36.00
Theo. Rouse, painting and papering court house	6.79
Irwin C. Burnham, typewriting	2.25
S. P. Glasgow, jailer fees and boarding prisoners	136.25
A. D. Gilmore, filing coroners report	2.35
A. Moore, supplies	28.30
E. G. King, wall paper	3.35
State Journal supplies	42.00
John Taft, janitor salary	37.50
H. E. Peery, recording school treasurers bond, freight and drayage	29.44
Daniel Casey, hardware	66.22
Mary E. Gooseman, supplies for Mrs. Loveless	13.11
A. D. Gilmore, state vs. William Muntz	7.38
S. P. Glasgow, same	8.00
W. H. Hill, witness same	1.00
Fred Dofnes, witness same	1.00
H. A. Lambert, county court cost same	5.55
A. D. Gilmore, state vs. B. G. Whittemore	7.78
S. P. Glasgow, sheriff fees same	4.35
H. A. Lambert, county judge fees same	6.95
H. D. Snyder, money paid for extra help in treasurers office	18.00
Joseph Gonmon, work on Peru ditch	12.00
Joseph Hutchins, same	1.50
Henry Williams, same	2.00
Josiah Pollard, same	1.00
Pres Carter, same	1.30
Charles Bascomb, same	11.00
Marshall Adams, same	17.50

BRIDGE FUND.	
P. G. Swan, hauling lumber and covering bridge	\$12.00
R. F. Esdeville, grading and bridging	64.34
Thomas J. Crummel, bridging	409.00
William Williams, same	5.00
T. W. Humphry, same	22.00
George W. Sterner, same	55.00
Talmage Lumber Co., lumber	704.85
W. B. Brunner, bridging	38.00

ROAD FUND.	
Joe Lotellia, road work	\$ 22.62
Frank Liphard, same	30.00
Joe Lotellia, same	12.00
Emma J. Hubba, road damages	20.00
H. J. Van Winkle, work on grader	65.80
C. W. Roberts, work and material for bridge	35.60
James Henderson, appraising damages	2.20
James H. Corbett, same	2.20
J. W. Van Winkle, grading	85.12
Nate Hayes, same	33.30
A. Stoddard, same	211.20
John Marren, road damages	50.00
J. P. Marren, same	100.00
Smith Thompson, same	50.00
W. H. McIninch, same	75.00
W. K. Blount, same	125.00
O. P. Dovel, same	75.00

Settlement with treasurer pending the board adjourned to August 7, 1896.

August 7, 1896, the board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present.

Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in block 15 in Brownville were ordered sold to J. S. Stull, executor, for the years 1891-92-93-94-95 for \$20.

The following orders were made to the county treasurer: To compute the personal tax of K. G. Wilkinson for the year 1895 on a valuation of \$704.1 and receipt in full. To refund to J. Sodman eighty-two cents from school district No. 62, he having been erroneously assessed. To compute the tax for the year 1895 on the east half of the northwest quarter of section 3, township 5, range 13, on a valuation of \$445; also the east half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 3, township 5, range 13, on a valuation of \$110.

Board adjourned to August 8, 1896.

August 8, 1896, board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present.

In the matter of the litigation in reference to the relocation of a public road along the west side of the southwest quarter of section 32, township 4 north of range 14, east of the 6th principal meridian, in Nemaha county, Nebraska, the board agreed with the plaintiff, John S. Stull, to settle the case by establishing the road where it was located prior to the attempt to relocate it about the 9th day of June, 1895. Plaintiff agrees to pay all costs in district court.

The account of Annie Jones was disallowed.

The account of R. A. Lindsay was disallowed.

The following allowances were made:

Louis Bastian, official services	\$ 50.00
A. I. P. Thompson, bridging	14.80
B. F. McIninch, official services	52.90
W. M. Davis, same	43.55
Auburn Air Pump Co., pump at jail	5.63
J. Sodman, error on assessment	4.10
W. M. Kauffman, lumber	2.10

The board adjourned to meet August 10, 1896, to resume the settlement with the county treasurer.

LOUIS BASTIAN, Chairman.
H. E. PEERY, County Clerk.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, as hereinafter set forth in full, are submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska, to be voted upon at the general election to be held Tuesday, November 8, A. D., 1896:

A joint resolution proposing to amend sections two (2), four (4), and five (5) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to number of judges of the supreme court and their term of office.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section two (2) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The supreme court shall until otherwise provided by law, consist of five (5) judges, a majority of whom shall be necessary to form a quorum or to pronounce a decision. It shall have original jurisdiction in cases relating to revenue, civil cases in which the state shall be a party, mandamus, quo warrant, habeas corpus, and such appellate jurisdiction, as may be provided by law.

Section 3. That section four (4) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. The judges of the supreme court shall be elected by the electors of the state at large, and their term of office, except as hereinafter provided, shall be for a period of not less than five (5) years as the legislature may prescribe.

Section 5. That section five (5) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, be amended to read as follows:

Section 6. At the first general election to be held in the year 1896, there shall be elected two (2) judges of the supreme court one of whom shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, one for the term of four (4) years, and at each general election thereafter, there shall be elected one judge of the supreme court for the term of five (5) years, unless otherwise provided by law; provided, that the judges of the supreme court whose terms have not expired at the time of holding the general election of 1896, shall continue to hold their office for the remainder of the term for which they were respectively commissioned.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section thirteen (13) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to compensation of supreme and district court judges.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section thirteen (13) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The judges of the supreme and district courts shall receive for their services such compensation as may be provided by law, payable quarterly.

The legislature shall at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, three-fifths of the members elected to each house concurring, establish their compensation. The compensation so established shall not be changed oftener than once in four years, and in no event more than two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature concur therein.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section twenty-four (24) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to compensation of the officers of the executive department.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section twenty-four (24) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The officers of the executive department of the state government shall receive for their services a compensation to be established by law, which shall be neither increased nor diminished during the term for which they shall have been commissioned, and they shall not receive to their own use any fees, costs, interests, upon public moneys in their hands or under their control, perquisites of office or other compensation, and all fees that may hereafter be payable by law for services performed by an officer provided for in this article shall be paid in advance into the state treasury. The legislature shall at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the legislature concurring, establish the salaries of the officers named in this article. The compensation so established shall not be changed oftener than once in four years and in no event more than two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature concur therein.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section one (1) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to judicial power.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section one (1) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The judicial power of this state shall be vested in a supreme court, district courts, county courts, justices of the peace, police magistrates, and in such other courts inferior to the supreme court as may be created by law in which two-thirds of the members elected to each house concur.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section eleven (11) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to increase in number of supreme and district court judges.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section eleven (11) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 11. The legislature, whenever two-thirds of the members elected to each house shall concur therein, may, in or after the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and not oftener than once in every four years, increase the number of judges of supreme and district courts, and the judicial districts of the state. Each district shall be compact, contiguous, and bounded by county lines; and such increase, or any change in the boundaries of a district, shall not vacate the office of any judge.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section six (6) of article one (1) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to trial by jury.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section six (6) of article one (1) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate, but the legislature may provide that in civil actions five-sixths of the jury may render a verdict, and the legislature may also authorize trial by a jury of a less number than twelve men, in courts inferior to the district court.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section one (1) of article five (5) of the Constitution of Nebraska, relating to officers of the executive department.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section one (1) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The executive department shall consist of a governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, auditor of public accounts, treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, attorney general, commissioner of public lands and buildings, and three railroad commissioners, each of whom, except the said railroad commissioners, shall hold his office for a term of two years, from the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January, after his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Each railroad commissioner shall hold his office for a term of three years beginning on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January after his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Provided, however, that at the first general election held after the adoption of this amendment there shall be elected three railroad commissioners, one for the period of one year, one for the period of two years, and one for the period of three years. The governor, secretary of state, auditor of public accounts, and treasurer shall reside at the capital during their term of office; they shall keep the public records, books and papers there and shall perform such duties as may be required by law.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section twenty-six (26) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, limiting the number of executive state officers.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section twenty-six (26) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. No other executive state officers except those named in section one (1) of this article shall be created, except by an act of the legislature which is concurred in by not less than three-fourths of the members elected to each house thereof.

Provided, That any office created by an act of the legislature shall be abolished by the legislature, two-thirds of the members elected to each house thereof concurring.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section nine (9) of article eight (8) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, providing for the investment of the permanent educational funds of the state.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section nine (9) of article eight (8) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. All funds belonging to the state for educational purposes, the interest and income whereof only are to be used, shall be deemed trust funds held by the state, and the state shall supply all losses thereof that may in any manner accrue, so that the same shall remain forever inviolate and undiminished, and shall not be invested or loaned except on United States bonds or state securities, or registered county bonds or registered school district bonds of this state, and such funds with the interest and income thereof are hereby solemnly pledged for the purpose for which they are granted and set apart, and shall not be transferred to any other fund for other uses.

Provided, The board created by section 1 of this article is empowered to sell from time to time any of the securities belonging to the permanent school fund and invest the proceeds arising therefrom in any of the securities enumerated in this section bearing a higher rate of interest, whenever an opportunity for better investment is presented.

And provided further, That when any warrant upon the state treasurer regularly issued in pursuance of an appropriation by the legislature and secured by the levy of a tax for its payment, shall be presented to the state treasurer for payment, and there shall not be any money in the proper fund to pay such warrant, the board created by section 1 of this article may direct the state treasurer to pay the amount due on such warrant from moneys in his hands belonging to the permanent school fund of the state, and he shall hold said warrant as an investment of said permanent school fund.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska by adding a new section to article twelve (12) of said constitution to be numbered section two (2) relative to the merging of the government of cities of the metropolitan class and the government of the counties wherein such cities are located.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That article twelve (12) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended by adding to said article a new section to be numbered section two (2) to read as follows:

Section 2. The government of any city of the metropolitan class and the government of the counties wherein such cities are located.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That article twelve (12) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended by adding to said article a new section to be numbered section two (2) to read as follows:

Section 2. The government of any city of the metropolitan class and the government of the counties wherein such cities are located.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That article twelve (12) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended by adding to said article a new section to be numbered section two (2) to read as follows:

Section 2. The government of any city of the metropolitan class and the government of the counties wherein such cities are located.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That article twelve (12) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended by adding to said article a new section to be numbered section two (2) to read as follows:

Be it located may be merged wholly or in part when a proposition so to do has been submitted by authority of law to the voters of such city and county and received the assent of a majority of the votes cast in such city and also a majority of the votes cast in the county exclusive of those cast in such metropolitan city at such election.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section six (6) of article seven (7) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, prescribing the manner in which votes shall be cast.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section six (6) of article seven (7) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. All votes shall be by ballot, or such other method as may be prescribed by law, provided the secrecy of voting be preserved.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section two (2) of article fourteen (14) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relative to donations to works of internal improvement and manufactories.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That section two (2) of article fourteen (14) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. No city, county, town, precinct, municipality, or other subdivision of the state, shall ever make donations of any works of internal improvement, or manufactory, unless a proposition so to do shall have been first submitted to the qualified electors and ratified by a two-thirds vote at an election by authority of law; provided, That such donations of a work of internal improvement, or manufactory, in the aggregate shall not exceed ten per cent of the assessed valuation of such county; provided, further, That any city or county may, by a three-fourths vote, increase such indebtedness five per cent, in addition to such ten per cent and no bonds or evidences of indebtedness so issued shall be valid unless the same shall have endorsed thereon a certificate signed by the secretary and auditor of state, showing that the same is issued pursuant to law.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

I, J. A. PIPER, secretary of state of the state of Nebraska, do hereby certify that the foregoing proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska are true and correct copies of the original enrolled and engrossed bills, as passed by the Twenty-fourth session of the legislature of the State of Nebraska, as appears from said original bills on file in this office, and that all and each of said proposed amendments are submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Nebraska for their adoption or rejection at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, A. D., 1896.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State of Nebraska.

Done at Lincoln this 17th day of July, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Six, of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Twenty-First, and of this state the Thirtieth.

(Seal.) J. A. PIPER,

Secretary of State.

Newspapers in the Campaign.

In the present campaign, newspapers will be the greatest of educators, in teaching the voters of the land the proper way to view the political questions of the day. The Republic, of St. Louis, is without doubt the most able instructor published on the Democratic side, as it explains in almost every issue, by editorial or learned article why the mass of the people should vote for the Democratic Presidential candidate.

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